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For: RESIN COMPOSITION AND
LAMINATE FOR STORAGE OF
LIQUID FOODS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action in the Continued Prosecution Application, please
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 14-19 without prejudice or disclaimer; replace claims 1, 3, 11,
20 and 21 and add new claims 22-31 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A resin composition to be used in a multi-layer laminate
for storing liquid foods, comprising a hydrophilic reducing organic compound kneaded
with a hydrophilic and water insoluble thermoplastic resin, wherein the hydrophilic and
water insoluble resin provides an oxygen gas barrier for the hydrophilic reducing organic
compound and wherein the kneaded hydrophilic reducing organic compound and the water
insoluble thermoplastic resin are kneaded with and dispersed in a hydrophobic
thermoplastic resin.

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